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AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 14, 2003 (Paper No. 4), please consider the following amendments, provisional election, traversal, and remarks. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner enter the following amendments prior to examination of this application. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected inventions should the restriction requirement be made final. Applicants submit concurrently herewith: (a) a Fee Transmittal Sheet; (b) an Information Disclosure Statement; and (c) a Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 3.73 and Power of Attorney or Authorization of Agent.

Prior to further examination, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments.

- Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.
- Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.

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